



Full planning application for single dwelling.

Site to the rear of 12 Sarre Road,  
facing Gondar Gardens

Design and Access Statement  
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Looking down Gondar Gardens - differing heights of existing units



Rear of No.12 Sarre Road with fencing and screening to ground floor



Opposite side of Gondar Gardens - large 3 storey unit



Further down Gondar Gardens with differing styles

## Site

The site is part of the rear garden to 12 Sarre Road and fronts Gondar Gardens. Currently partially hard-standing and a grassed area enclosed by 2 metre high timber boundary fences.

Gondar Gardens comprises of a mix of residential dwellings and garages, including number 5 which is a set of two 2 x bedroom units that were erected in the garden of number 10 Sarre Road within the last 10 years similar in fashion to what is being proposed as part of this application.

Opposite the application site there is a driveway and beyond is the side elevation to Gondar House, which faces onto the end cul-de-sac of Hillfield Road.

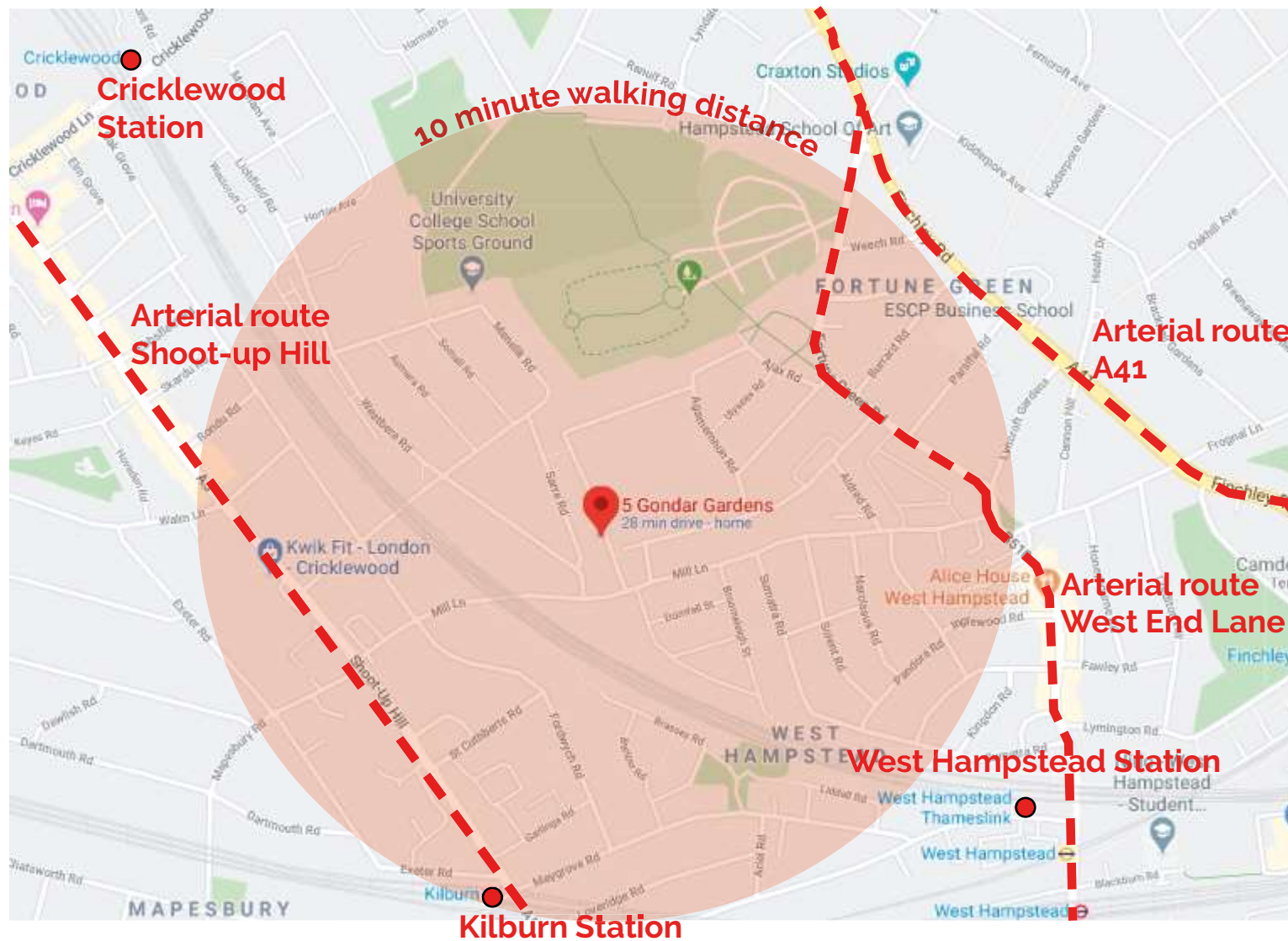
12 Sarre Road is a two storey Edwardian

terraced property that is divided into two flats (ground and first floor). The building is not listed, and the site is not within a conservation area.

This is located in the north west of the borough. It is within the West Hampstead district and Fortune Green ward. To the south it is served by Kilburn and West Hampstead station.

There is a mix of new build, Victorian, Edwardian and mid twentieth century dwellings in the area with a variation of styles on Gondar Gardens to the dwellings that front the gardens of Sarre Road, all which vary in height having built at separate times. Many of these are two and three storey and they have a pitched roof with gable frontage. Gondar Gardens also benefits from a significant slope and this is illustrated in elevations.





Local access routes diagram

## Access

The site is within a 10 minute walk to local tube stations and arterial roads, that serve local amenities including West End Lane and Shoot Up Hill.

Both arterial roads are well served by buses.

Like most of the recent developments on the street it is proposed for this to be a car free development, since the area is well served by public transport.

Akin to other similar back of garden developments on the street, this dwelling is built off the edge of the pavement with a recessed front door which incorporates an integrated bin store as marked on drawings.

A ground floor WC is provided and access at ground floor is level with a view that in the event that this is needed to become a life time home, shower facilities can be incorporated at ground floor since waste facilities exist.

The existing hard-standing to the rear is currently used by visitors to the property to park and one space is used rented to a local business so that they can park. Going forward the local business will have to utilise public transport as will visitors or the owner of 12 Sarre Road will have to provide visitor parking permits to Sarre Road. This would be the case in both instances if the hard standing did not exist.



Bike store to be located in rear garden to z 3 bikes





Street elevation illustrating slope and heights



Site plan to show no overlooking issues with terrace

## Design Proposal

The proposal seeks to develop a 3 bedroom detached property over 3 storeys similar in style to that at number 5 and other houses further down Gondar Gardens,

The area for the unit is 99 sq.m which meets compliance with space standards outlined within the London Plan for a 5 person 3 bed unit over 3 storeys

To the ground floor there is a large open plan kitchen and living space that lead to a small garden. A bike shed will also be located in the rear garden.

There is a large master bedroom to the front at first floor with unobstructed views beyond Gondar Gardens. To the rear there is a small single bedroom, this benefits from a large window with obscured glass below a height of 1.8m so as to protect the amenity of homes to Sarre Road and mitigating overlooking.

At second floor, the design seeks to benefit from the pitched style with a set back pitched roof and a sizable third double bedroom. As this storey is set back so as to not be visible from the street level below a small terrace amenity space has also been integrated.

It is noted that directly opposite there is a

double parking space to the rear of the first property on Hillfield Road.

Beyond this there are the rear gardens of Hillfield for some 200 metres and therefore there is no risk of overlooking.

The architectural style of the proposal is akin to the two units at number 5 and 3 Gondar Gardens which have both been built in recent years. A grey charcoal brick is due to be adopted with matching aluminium frames to the fenestration.

In keeping with the contemporary style of the buildings crittal style glazing has been adopted.

### Massing

The form of the building has been designed to avoid overlooking and overshadowing. The slope and rhythm of the street has been married and the height taken through including matching the angle of pitches of no. 5.

To the rear, lower windows to the ground floor of 12 Sarre Road are closely flanked by a timber fence and screened by some large ferns and therefore impact to these windows is limited. A historic trellis has also collapsed and this will be reinstated.

The roof benefits from a number of openable skylights to draw on natural light to all areas.





Rear of No.12 Sarre Road showing existing fencing and foliage screening

## Policy

### Local Plan:

The proposal meets compliance with Policy H6 of Camden's Local Plan which notes that self contained homes need to meet nationally described space standards and can be easily adapted for life time home use, the three bedroom unit is 99 sq.m over three levels which meets the requirement for 3 storey homes.

This policy also identifies a need within the borough of units with 3 beds or more, as this is a 3 bed unit it fulfils this need.

### Policy CC5 - Waste

The proposal seeks to integrate storage for refuse within the architectural form to provide a neat solution for this in tandem with waste requirement needs as outlined within this policy and the technical guidance for developers such that there is space for 140l mixed recycling, space for sack and shelf above for a 23l food waste caddy.

### Policy T1 - Prioritising walking, cycling, and public transport

Like many developments in Camden, due to local access to public transport this is a car free scheme with bike storage provided to the rear garden.

### CPG Amenity

This proposal is akin to the neighbouring unit

at no. 5 and although the distance between buildings does not meet the 18m guidance in this criteria it has been demonstrated that daylight to existing buildings and proposed habitable rooms is unaffected by the proposed. It is noted that the ground floor windows to 12 Sarre Road to the rear are obscured by the existing timber fence and foliage screening against this. Therefore the proposal does not impact the daylight to that level. To mitigate any concerns around overlooking in accordance with this guidance glazing is obscured up to a height of 1.8m.

To the front roof terrace there are no concerns in relation to overlooking since there is a clear vista at that level.

### CPG - Design

Relative to context the style of the building is akin to the existing recent developments on the street which in themselves have subtle variations so as to be individual in their style. Scale and massing is akin to these units and it is noted that Gondar Gardens has buildings of varying heights on both sides within a close proximity to each other. The lower garages to the North and taller units at number 5 sandwich this proposal and the split garden for the other unit at number 12. This provides a natural separation to prevent a terracing effect through the street and is akin to the other breaks on street level.